

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission comprising an IDS filed on 12/17/2009 has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 12/17/2009 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 9/17/2009. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 39-60 are allowed.

The examiner has considered all the prior art references submitted with the IDS filed 12/17/2009 and find that none of them, alone or combined, does neither anticipate nor render obvious the limitations recited, as a whole, in the

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independent claims 39, 54 and 58. Therefore, the reasons for allowance submitted in the Notice of Allowance 9/17/2009, see pages 10-12, stand good and are applicable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yogesh C. Garg whose telephone number is 571-272-6756. The examiner can normally be reached on Increased Flex/Hoteling.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Smith can be reached on 571-272-6763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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